

- h) The productive development potential inherent in key natural resources, common technological bases or progressive steps to higher levels on export chains, and the feasibility of undertaking sectoral or regional strategic actions in these areas;
- i) The role of infrastructure investment and new modes of private participation in such investment in encouraging real investment and developing regional or sectoral clusters of productive activities;
- j) The usefulness of concerted action schemes as institutional mechanisms that encourage coordination between the public and private spheres and between private agents, by reducing coordination costs, improving access to information and facilitating the updating of productive development tools;
- k) Investment in human resources through forms of education and training that enhance the process of modernizing production and facilitate the incorporation of all levels of the workforce —both men and women— into the process;
- l) Opportunities for intraregional cooperation in the fields of education, science and technology, with special attention to regional experiences in incorporating advanced technology;
- m) The impact of structural reforms on the labour market, and the adoption of hiring and insurance practices that promote at one and the same time labour mobility, training and income stability;
- n) Assessing the quality of social investment and the efficacy of social policy instruments, with emphasis on their linkages with growth;
- o) The links between economic policy, environmental sustainability of growth and social equity;
- p) Regional integration agreements in their various forms (free trade agreements, customs unions, common markets and the like) as mechanisms for expanding trade, forming closer productive linkages and achieving economies of scale;
- q) The public policy reforms needed effectively to meet the institutional and public administration requirements generated by economic changes, the increasingly complex conditions of international competition and the growing demand for economic and social development that does not exclude and is environmentally sustainable;
- r) The impact of the debt burden on the formulation and implementation of sustainable development policies.

553(XXVI) REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON ECLAC

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling Commission resolutions 520(XXIV) and 541(XXV) on the role and functions of ECLAC and the consequences for it of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 48/162 and decision 49/411 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social spheres and other questions relating thereto, and resolution 48/218 and decision 49/461 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the guidelines emanating from the open-ended high-level working group established by General Assembly resolution 49/252 with a mandate to undertake a thorough review of the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the content of the Declaration issued by the States Members and observers of the United Nations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and, in particular, of the proposal for ensuring that the United Nations enters the twenty-first century equipped, financed and structured to serve effectively the peoples in whose name it was established,

Reaffirming its conviction that the activities entrusted to the Commission by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI) retain their full validity in the light of the present circumstances and the foreseeable future of the Latin American and Caribbean countries,

Having before it the note by the secretariat entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC" (LC/G.1899(SES.26/4)), of 22 January 1996,

Convinced that, as a new century dawns, sustainable development should occupy an important place in the agenda of the United Nations,

Convinced further that it is essential for the United Nations, in carrying out activities in the economic and social fields, to take account of the regional dimension and the decentralization of tasks in accordance with the comparative advantages of Headquarters and the subsidiary organs located in the developing regions,

1. Affirms that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations;

2. Declares, therefore, that ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination;

3. Declares further that, in order to play a relevant role with greater effectiveness and efficiency, ECLAC will need to adapt to the evolving development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations;

4. Recommends that the institutional structure and pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system, including the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum, should continue to serve as the foundation in maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission;

5. Recommends further that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, taking into account, where appropriate, ongoing processes pertaining to the United Nations as a whole;

6. Instructs the Executive Secretary, therefore, to:

- a) Pursue and strengthen the institutional development and management upgrading activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the activities which ECLAC carries out in fulfilment of the mandates conferred on it by member States;
- b) Improve the indicators for evaluating the activities of the Commission in terms of performance, productivity and impact;
- c) Intensify consultation and strengthen cooperation and coordination with other United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, taking special care to avoid duplication of activities;
- d) Strengthen existing cooperation and coordination with other multilateral organizations, such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Economic System and other Latin American and Caribbean institutions pursuing similar objectives in the region, again taking care to avoid duplication of activities;

7. Decides to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, to be headed by the Chairman of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, which group, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, is empowered to define priorities for the work programme and recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. The first meeting of this ad hoc working group will be held within 90 days at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and any subsequent meetings will be held preferably at either of the subregional headquarters of ECLAC or at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

8. Entrusts the ad hoc working group with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and with transmitting its proposals regarding the priorities for the 1998-1999 work programme through the appropriate channels to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

9. Further entrusts the ad hoc working group with submitting a final report on the review of priorities for the programme of work of ECLAC to the next session of the Commission.

554(XXVI) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 340 (AC.66) of 25 January 1974, which provided that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) should become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC,

Reiterating its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning and to its Presiding Officers for their valuable contribution to the substantive orientation and regular financing of ILPES,

Bearing in mind that at the twenty-fourth session of ECLAC, the Governments of the member States agreed that ILPES should concentrate its activities in the area of strategic State management,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions emanating from the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning (Mexico City, July 1994) and the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Council (Caracas, August 1995), which emphasize the following:

- a) The favourable assessment by the Governments of the member States of the Institute's general performance, as regards both the orientation and formulation of its substantive work plan and the management of its human and financial resources;
- b) Support for ILPES activities relating to strategic State management and modernization in the work areas identified at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission, namely public-sector programming, regional policies and planning, decentralization and local development, and investment projects and programming;
- c) The satisfaction of the Governments of the member States at the results of the Institute's new training strategy, based on a flexible system of recurrent international courses of medium length, concentrated in its areas of specialization, and on equivalent national courses offered in response to specific requests;
- d) Support for the Institute's activities in the areas of technical cooperation, exchanges of experience, applied research for teaching purposes, and dissemination;
- e) The usefulness of continuing to examine the question of State reform and modernization, especially in connection with the decision-making process in the public sphere, taking into account the views of government, business, labour and the academic community;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of government financing, which makes it possible to fund a large portion of the Institute's staff and activities;

3. Declares its satisfaction at the admission of Spain to full membership of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers;

4. Thanks the Governments of Italy, France and Spain for their financial and technical support for the Institute's activities;

5. Expresses its satisfaction at the support provided by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC for ILPES activities;

6. Supports the establishment of REDILPES, a mechanism which facilitates a steady exchange of information between ILPES and its graduates and former students and persons interested in the Institute's activities;

7. Endorses with satisfaction the invitation of the Government of Brazil to hold the eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning in that country.

555(XXVI) LATIN AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Mindful of the conclusions and recommendations of recent intergovernmental meetings, in particular the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, 1993) and the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), which stressed the need to approach population problems as an integral part of strategies and policies for economic and social development,

Mindful also of the recent approval of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, adopted as a draft plan of action at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC and subsequently enriched, with the support of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) in the capacity of secretariat, by incorporation of the results of the International Conference in Cairo,

Considering that the Plan accords priority to the regional and subregional activities on population that are required in order to improve and facilitate implementation of the measures that each country plans to apply,

Considering also that the objective of the work programme of ECLAC in the area of population is to assist Latin American and Caribbean countries in gathering information on their demographic situation, formulating and evaluating development policies and programmes and exchanging information in the field of population, all of which tasks have been assigned to the Latin American Demographic Centre under the ECLAC system,

Considering further that CELADE studies stress the importance of population dynamics and components in a strategy of development designed to improve the well-being of the entire population while preserving environmental sustainability and eliminating inequalities in living conditions between different ethnic and social groups, between geographic regions and between men and women,

1. Notes with satisfaction the treatment given to the subject of population in the report of the activities of ECLAC since April 1994, especially in connection with its role as secretariat in the process of incorporating the new elements into the Draft Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, and also in the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system for the biennium 1998-1999;

2. Expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Governments of Canada, France and the Netherlands for their contributions to the financing of the Latin American Regional Population Programme of CELADE;

3. Also expresses appreciation to the international organizations that support CELADE in the execution of other projects, in particular the United Nations Population Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank;

4. Reiterates the need for continued support, to be charged to the regular ECLAC budget, for the Commission's present activities in the field of population;

5. Asks the countries members of ECLAC to consider increasing their contributions to financing the activities of the population work programme, bearing in mind the successive reductions in extrabudgetary contributions that CELADE has experienced in recent years;

6. Also asks the international agencies to increase their support for those activities.

556(XXVI) LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PLAN
OF ACTION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, 29 April-4 May 1993) unanimously adopted the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development, which set forth the common position of the countries of the region concerning the issues of population and development, and agreed also to promote the drafting of a Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development,

Emphasizing the importance of the active participation of the countries in the process that led to the adoption of the Draft Regional Plan of Action at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC (Cartagena, Colombia, April 1994), in accordance with ECLAC resolution 536(XXV),

Considering that, following the incorporation of the results of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), this Draft was adopted as the Regional Plan of Action, with the broad participation of the States members and associate members of ECLAC,

Aware that the process of seeking financing for the activities envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action is complex, but that significant progress has none the less been made,

Recalling that, in accordance with resolution 536(XXV), it was decided to establish an ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, which would be responsible for follow-up and review of the Plan of Action,

Considering that the Committee mentioned in the foregoing paragraph held its first meetings on 17 and 18 April 1996 in San José, Costa Rica, and discussed the topics agreed upon in the Regional Plan of Action, including follow-up and review of the activities envisaged therein,

Emphasizing the need to redouble efforts to obtain the financial resources needed for the implementation of the activities in the Plan,

Recognizing the essential role performed in Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to population and development activities by the non-governmental organizations —especially the women's organizations— involved in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995), and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), and the follow-up to those conferences,

Recalling that regional and subregional activities should be carried out in close cooperation with international organizations and competent United Nations organs, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, and with non-governmental organizations specializing in population and development,

Recognizing the relevance of the note by the secretariat prepared by the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) for the meetings of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the activities carried out, with the support of the secretariat, by the Presiding Officers of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) on population, which led to the adoption of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development;

2. Acknowledges with appreciation the initiatives taken by the Presiding Officers and the secretariat to obtain financing for the activities envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat for laying the groundwork for the first meeting of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and, in particular, for the preparation of the working and reference documents;

4. Agrees that each country should designate an institution to serve as a liaison for the follow-up of the Regional Plan of Action in order to facilitate communication between member countries and with the ECLAC secretariat;

5. Decides that at its next meeting the Ad Hoc Committee will consider the issue of reproductive health and poverty and instructs the secretariat to prepare the substantive documentation required;

6. Requests the secretariat to take steps to procure extrabudgetary financing for the activities envisaged in the Plan of Action and, depending upon the results of its efforts, to update the programme of activities periodically and to disseminate the relevant information in a special bulletin;

7. Instructs the secretariat to prepare a biennial report on the activities undertaken, to be presented at the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee, which will be held during ECLAC sessions;

8. Requests the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, in close contact with the secretariat, to take charge of follow-up of the Plan of Action between ECLAC sessions, and to collaborate in the efforts to obtain the funds necessary for its implementation;

9. Urges the international community and the States members of ECLAC to increase their financing of activities related to population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly those envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action.

557(XXVI) CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1996-1998

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC on rationalization of the institutional structure and pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, in which it was determined that the Commission should consider at each of its regular sessions the complete calendar of conferences and meetings scheduled up to the next regular session,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the intergovernmental structure and functions of ECLAC, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure be maintained,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of ECLAC establishing and governing the frequency of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the calendar of intergovernmental conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998 proposed in annex 5 of document LC/G.1903(SES.26/8),

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the various subprogrammes of work and regional programmes of action adopted by the States members at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission,

Recalling the primary responsibility of national governments for implementing the declarations and programmes of action of the global conferences of the United Nations,

1. Approves the calendar of conferences of ECLAC, as it appears in the annex to this resolution, with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission;

2. Affirms that the current conference servicing system of ECLAC, whereby the Executive Secretary is responsible for both substantive and organizational aspects, has proved its efficiency and cost-effectiveness, and recommends that these tasks remain the responsibility of the Executive Secretary;

3. Reaffirms the importance of continuing to give ECLAC responsibility for organizing and holding regional preparatory meetings for global conferences of the United Nations in the economic and social fields;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the pertinent bodies of the United Nations such proposals as may be necessary to enable the calendar of conferences thus approved to be carried out;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC on the implementation of this resolution.

CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1996-1998

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of financing
1996	Sixteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	Antigua and Barbuda b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 537(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twenty-sixth session of ECLAC	San José, Costa Rica 15-20 April	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19); 537(XXV) and 551(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twentieth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ 4 days First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX); 489(PLEN.19) and 537(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	Kingston, Jamaica Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Eighteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Brasília, Brazil 25-26 November	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas	Santiago, Chile 14-18 October	Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters signed by OAS and ECLAC	ECLAC/OAS regular budgets
1996	Regional meeting in follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 535(XXV) and Copenhagen Declaration	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-first session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Seventh Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ b/	The Conference was established as a permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC under a decision taken at the eleventh extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole (E/CEPAL/AC.71.4)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-first session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of financing
1997	Seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Tenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 340(AC.66) and 371(XVII)	ILPES budget
1997	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ April	ECLAC resolution 9 (IV)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Nineteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-seventh session of ECLAC	Aruba b/	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Eleventh Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Eighteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ June	ECLAC resolution 9(IV)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas	Santiago, Chile Second half of the year	Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters signed by OAS and ECLAC	ECLAC/ OAS regular budgets
1998	Sixth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Regional meeting in follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 535(XXV) and Copenhagen Declaration	ECLAC regular budget

a/ Place to be decided.

b/ Date to be decided.

558(XXVI) REGIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE WOMEN OF
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 1995-2001

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into account the resolution adopted by the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean at its sixth session, recommending the adoption of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/203 of 22 December 1995, in which the Assembly endorses the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women and recommends their implementation,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/59, in which the Council requests the Secretary-General to initiate the formulation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, and the recommendation made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fortieth session that the Economic and Social Council should adopt the revised draft plan, taking into account the comments of the Commission on that plan contained in the annex to the relevant resolution,

1. Adopts the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to give maximum support to regional activities in implementation of the Programme;

3. Urges the implementation of the Regional Programme of Action in close coordination with the rest of the United Nations system, as a complement to the Beijing Platform for Action and the medium-term plan for the period 1996-2001 to be adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its next session;

4. Requests the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean and its Presiding Officers to carry out a periodic review and evaluation of the implementation of the 1977 Regional Plan of Action, in accordance with paragraph 88 of that Plan, and of the Regional Programme of Action for 1995-2001.

559(XXVI) PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC) FOR
THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system, and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 38/32E and decision 1984/101 of the Economic and Social Council regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Having been informed of the contents of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 which the secretariat prepared for consideration at United Nations Headquarters in New York,

Having considered the draft programme of work for the different areas of activity of the ECLAC system for the period 1998-1999, which also covers the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE),

Taking full account of the views expressed and the adjustments to the programme proposed by representatives of the Governments of member States, in addition to the changes agreed upon in the debate, which will be set out in the final report of the twenty-sixth session, and the changes deriving from the resolutions adopted at that session,

1. Approves the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system,¹ including ILPES and CELADE, for the period 1998-1999, which, with the adjustments provided for in the resolutions adopted at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, especially the resolution on strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, will be the legislative basis of the Commission for the execution of the programmes and projects and the issuance of the recurrent publications included in it;

2. Decides that the ad hoc open-ended working group to be established by virtue of the resolution on reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC should be entrusted with the task of setting priorities for the draft programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999;

3. Takes note that the allocation of resources necessary for carrying out the activities described in the programme of work will require the prior approval of the relevant bodies of the United Nations;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant bodies of the United Nations such proposals as may be necessary for the programme of work thus approved to be carried out;

5. Asks the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC on progress in implementing this resolution.

¹ Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1998-1999 (LC/G.1901(SES.26/6)).

560(XXVI) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in Buenos Aires in September 1978, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the decisions adopted at the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which met from 30 May to 2 June 1995 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and in particular decision 9/2 on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 547(XXV) on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions,

1. Takes note of the report on the activities of the ECLAC system in support of such cooperation contained in the note by the secretariat entitled "Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1994-1995" (LC/G.1906(SES.26/11)), which was considered by the Commission at its current session;

2. Reaffirms the importance of technical cooperation among the countries of the region in achieving the objectives of economic and social development, and especially the exchange of countries' experiences in the design and implementation of specific policies to strengthen development by linking the micro- and macroeconomic levels and to meet the requirements of changing production patterns with social equity;

3. Stresses the need for closer links between technical cooperation and economic cooperation among developing countries in order to make them dynamic instruments capable of consolidating the progress made in the region with regard to changing production patterns and social equity;

4. Emphasizes the importance of the support which ECLAC provides for the activities of the Governments of the region aimed at increasing the use of the mechanisms and modalities of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) at the subregional, regional and interregional levels;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the relevant mandates, to:

- a) Intensify activities to support and promote technical cooperation among developing countries while implementing of the work programme of the Commission, and especially while executing technical cooperation projects in priority areas for the countries of the region;
- b) Continue to strengthen the links between the ECLAC system and national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries and regions, through the creation of a data bank on national supply and demand of technical cooperation, in the context of the projects carried out by ECLAC, and through the dissemination of information on activities carried out under the aforementioned projects, in order to promote cooperation among the countries

of the region in priority sectors, and to support such focal points in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by connection to global information networks;

- c) Continue to provide assistance to activities in support of existing cooperation networks and systems in the region, and to create and strengthen systems for data collection and analysis, especially in those economic and social sectors which Governments consider to be of priority importance for their development objectives;
- d) Cooperate with the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme in its work of strengthening technical cooperation among developing countries, in the framework of the new directions adopted by the High-level Committee at its ninth session;
- e) Support the activities sponsored by the Special Unit, with the aim of fostering effective technical cooperation among developing countries in order to promote small and medium-sized enterprises, with the participation of the private sector and of other sectors as determined by the countries;
- f) Intensify activities aimed at incorporating forms of technical cooperation among developing countries into the various areas of the work programme of the secretariat, especially in the preparation and execution of TCDC projects financed with extrabudgetary funds received from bilateral or multilateral donors, and broaden the dissemination of such activities among national focal points;
- g) Continue to provide support, wherever possible, to the mechanisms for coordination among bodies and organizations engaged in TCDC projects, with a view to facilitating inter-agency coordination in the execution of such projects;
- h) Continue to cooperate with the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) in organizing joint activities with the national focal points for TCDC, in accordance with their respective mandates, especially activities relating to the annual meetings of national directors of international technical cooperation;
- i) Intensify joint activities within the framework of mechanisms for consultation with the secretariats of the other regional commissions to promote technical and economic cooperation among countries in the various developing regions, in coordination with the competent organizations of the United Nations system.

561(XXVI) ADMISSION OF ANGUILLA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLAC

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Considering the desirability of strengthening the economic, social and cultural relations among the peoples of the Caribbean and of Latin America,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) (1948) setting out the terms of reference of the Commission, and particularly paragraph 3 (a) on the admission of associate members,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/58 (28 July 1995) in which, inter alia, regional organizations are requested, within the framework of their respective mandates, to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, and administering powers concerned are requested to facilitate the participation of appointed and elected representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations, so that the Territories may benefit from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations System,

Taking into account that the Government of the United Kingdom has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Anguilla's request to be admitted as an associate member of the Commission,

1. Welcomes the application by the Government of the United Kingdom for Anguilla to become an associate member of ECLAC;

2. Decides to admit Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC and welcomes its participation in the work of the Commission.

562(XXVI) PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Aruba to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Commission in its territory,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Aruba for its generous offer;
2. Accepts the invitation with pleasure;
3. Recommends to the United Nations Economic and Social Council that it approve the holding of the twenty-seventh session in Aruba, in 1998.

Annex 1

REPORT OF THE ECLAC SESSIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development met on 17 and 18 April with the following officers:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Bolivia
	Grenada
	Netherlands
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Costa Rica

After adopting the provisional agenda without changes, the Committee heard the report of the Chairman of the Presiding Officers of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) on population concerning the steps which had led to the adoption of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, with particular reference to the process of enriching the draft plan through incorporation of the results of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994).

The Director of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) presented the note by the secretariat entitled "Report on the follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development" (LC/G.1905(SES.26/10)) and called attention to the considerations on population in relation to changing production patterns with social equity. The delegations expressed their satisfaction with the working document prepared by the secretariat and reported on recent experiences in their own countries in the area of population and development, with particular emphasis on such aspects as gender equity and poverty.

Consideration of the agenda item on follow-up and review of the Regional Plan of Action was opened by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), who reported on the priorities and activities of her organization with respect to the Cairo Programme of Action. The General Coordinator of the Latin American Programme of Population Activities then gave a presentation on the links between academic research and the formulation and implementation of population policies.

The delegations heard reports from representatives of CELADE and from the Director of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean on activities carried out under the Regional Plan of Action. They also heard a report from the secretariat on progress in obtaining extrabudgetary financing to carry

out the actions called for in the Regional Plan of Action and in particular on the negotiations in progress with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

After a fruitful exchange of opinion between delegations, including a discussion of the usefulness of setting up mechanisms for exchanging information on progress with regard to the Regional Plan of Action, the Committee adopted by consensus a draft resolution to be presented for consideration by the plenary meeting in the technical stage.

Annex 2

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions met on Friday, 19 April 1996, during the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC, as provided for in the programme. At the start of its meeting, the Committee elected the following officers:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Jamaica
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Ecuador
	Peru
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Guatemala

After adopting the meeting agenda, the Committee considered the work done by ECLAC in the area of cooperation among developing countries and regions.

The secretariat introduced a working paper entitled "Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the period 1994-1995" (LC/G.1906(SES.26/11)). The delegations took note of the aforementioned report of activities and asked for clarification and additional information on some points, which were provided by the secretariat.

The Committee then discussed the guidelines for future activities of ECLAC in the area of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC). In their statements on the item, the participating delegations stressed the importance of certain guiding criteria, such as: i) gradually increasing coordination between ECLAC and other regional organizations, such as SELA; ii) strengthening ties with national TCDC focal points; iii) according particular attention to mechanisms and systems for disseminating information on ECLAC projects and activities in support of TCDC; iv) enhancing the special contribution ECLAC can make to strengthening TCDC at the interregional level, in consultation with other regional commissions of the United Nations System.

The delegations also emphasized the importance of TCDC in stimulating and consolidating the economic and social development of the region within the context of the ECLAC programme of work. They underscored the importance of the new guidelines adopted by the States Members of the United Nations at the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in May 1995, and the positive contribution those guidelines would make to further improving the work of ECLAC in that area.

Several delegations also reported on their countries' experiences with TCDC and supplied valuable information about the way in which their countries handled technical cooperation at the national level with reference to both supply and demand.

At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee examined and adopted the draft resolution on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions, sponsored by the delegations of Jamaica and Ecuador.

Annex 3

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

GENERAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS/LISTA GENERAL DE DOCUMENTOS

A. WORKING DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTOS DE TRABAJO

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| LC/G.1896(SES.26/1)/Rev.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional - Provisional agenda - Ordre du jour provisoire |
| LC/G.1897(SES.26/2)/Rev.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temario provisional anotado y organización del vigésimo sexto período de sesiones - Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the twenty-sixth session - Annotations de l'ordre du jour provisoire et organisation de la vingt-sixième session |
| LC/G.1898(SES.26/3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fortalecer el desarrollo. Interacciones entre macro y microeconomía - Strengthening development. The interplay of macro and microeconomics - Consolider le développement. Les interactions entre la macro-économie et la micro-économie |
| LC/G.1899(SES.26/4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - La reforma de las Naciones Unidas y su incidencia en la CEPAL. Nota de la Secretaría - Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC. Note by the secretariat - La réforme de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et son incidence sur la CEPALC. Note du secrétariat |
| LC/G.1900(SES.26/5) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informe de actividades de la Comisión desde abril de 1994 - Report of the activities of the Commission since April 1994 |

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| LC/G.1901(SES.26/6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proyecto de programa de trabajo del sistema de la CEPAL, 1998-1999 - Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1998-1999 - Projet de programme de travail du système de la CEPALC, 1998-1999 |
| LC/G.1902(SES.26/7)/Rev.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informe sobre la ejecución de programas de la CEPAL durante el bienio 1994-1995. Nota de la Secretaría - Programme performance report of ECLAC during the biennium 1994-1995. Note by the secretariat |
| LC/G.1903(SES.26/8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calendario de conferencias de la CEPAL propuesto para el período 1996-1998. Nota de la Secretaría - Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998. Note by the secretariat. - Calendrier de conférences de la CEPALC proposé pour le période 1996-1998. Note du secrétariat |
| LC/G.1904(SES.26/9) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Algunas resoluciones y decisiones recientes emanadas de órganos de las Naciones Unidas que se ponen en conocimiento de la Comisión. Nota de la Secretaría - Some recent resolutions and decisions adopted by United Nations organs which require to be brought to the attention of the Commission. Note by the secretariat - Résolutions et décisions récemment adoptées par divers organismes des Nations Unies et portées à la connaissance de la Commission. Note du secrétariat |
| LC/G.1905(SES.26/10) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informe de seguimiento del Plan de Acción Regional Latinoamericano y del Caribe sobre Población y Desarrollo. Nota de la Secretaría - Report on the follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Plan of Action on Population and Development. Note by the secretariat |
| LC/G.1906(SES.26/11) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actividades del sistema de la CEPAL para promover y apoyar la cooperación técnica entre países y regiones en desarrollo durante el bienio 1994-1995. Nota de la Secretaría - Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1994-1995. Note by the secretariat |
| LC/G.1907(SES.26/12)/Rev.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentos presentados al vigésimo sexto período de sesiones de la Comisión/Documents presented at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission |

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| LC/G.1923(SES.26/13) | - Temario provisional, Comité de Cooperación Técnica entre Países y Regiones en Desarrollo |
| | - Provisional agenda, Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions |
| LC/G.1924(SES.26/14) | - Temario provisional anotado, Comité de Cooperación Técnica entre Países y Regiones en Desarrollo |
| | - Annotated provisional agenda, Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions |
| LC/G.1921(SES.26/15) | - Temario provisional, Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo del período de sesiones de la CEPAL |
| | - Provisional agenda, ECLAC sessional ad hoc Committee on Population and Development |
| LC/G.1922(SES.26/16) | - Temario provisional anotado, Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo del período de sesiones de la CEPAL |
| | - Annotated provisional agenda, ECLAC sessional ad hoc Committee on Population and Development |
| LC/G.1925(SES.26/17) | - Quince años de desempeño económico. América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1995 |
| | - The economic experience of the last fifteen years. Latin America and the Caribbean, 1980-1995 |
| (Ne contient que l'Avant-propos) | - Quinze ans d'expérience économique. L'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes, 1980-1995 |
| LC/G.1918(SES.26/18) | - Admisión de Anguila como miembro asociado de la Comisión. Nota de la Secretaría |
| | - Admission of Anguilla as an associate member of the Commission. Note by the secretariat |
| | - Admission d'Anguilla en qualité de membre associé de la Commission. Note du secrétariat |

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| Libro de la CEPAL N° 25 | - Changing production patterns with social equity. The prime task of Latin American and Caribbean development in the 1990s |
| LC/G.1648/Rev.2-P | - El desarrollo sustentable: transformación productiva, equidad y medio ambiente |
| Libro de la CEPAL N° 31 | - Sustainable development: changing production patterns, social equity and the environment |

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| LC/G.1701/Rev.1-P
Libro de la CEPAL N° 32 | - Equidad y transformación productiva: un enfoque integrado
- Social equity and changing production patterns: an integrated approach |
| LC/G.1758/Rev.1-P
Libro de la CEPAL N° 35 | - Población, equidad y transformación productiva
- Population, Social Equity and Changing Production Patterns |
| LC/G.1801/Rev.1-P
Libro de la CEPAL N° 39 | - El regionalismo abierto en América Latina y el Caribe. La integración económica al servicio de la transformación productiva con equidad
- Open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic integration as a contribution to changing production patterns with social equity |
| LC/G.1800/Rev.1-P
Libro de la CEPAL N° 40 | - América Latina y el Caribe: políticas para mejorar la inserción en la economía mundial
- Latin America and the Caribbean: policies to improve linkages with the global economy |
| LC/G.1819(SES.25/20)/Rev.1 | - Reestructuración y revitalización de las Naciones Unidas en las esferas económica y social: información actualizada sobre sus consecuencias para la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe. Nota de la Secretaría
- Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: an update on its impact on the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat
- Restructuration et revitalisation de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans les domaines économique et social: information actualisée sur les répercussions pour la Commission économique pour l'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes. Note du secrétariat |
| LC/G.1716(SES.24/18) | - Reestructuración y revitalización de las Naciones Unidas en las esferas económica y social: papel y funciones de la CEPAL. Nota de la Secretaría
- Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: role and functions of ECLAC. Note by the secretariat
- Restructuration et revitalisation de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans les domaines économique et social: rôle et fonctions de la CEPALC. Note du secrétariat |
| LC/G.1804(SES.25/7) | - Proyecto de programa de trabajo del sistema de la CEPAL, 1996-1997
- Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1996-1997
- Projet de programme de travail du système de la CEPALC, 1996-1997 |

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| LC/G.1920
LC/DEM/G.159 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan de Acción Regional Latinoamericano y del Caribe sobre Población y Desarrollo - Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development - Consenso Latinoamericano y del Caribe sobre Población y Desarrollo - Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development - Consensus d'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes sur la population et le développement |
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| LC/G.1892-P | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balance preliminar de la economía de América Latina y el Caribe 1995 - Preliminary overview of the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean 1995 |
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| LC/L.906(CONF.85/3)/Rev.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alojar el desarrollo. Una tarea para los asentamientos humanos - Human settlements: the shelter of development |
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